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**Kankakee Police Department Approved to Receive ShotSpotter Grant to Help Curb Gun Violence in the Community**

**Kankakee, IL** – In an effort to help reduce gun violence, the Kankakee Police Department recently received notification of a grant award for ShotSpotter technology in the amount of \$48,188. ShotSpotter is a real-time gunshot detection and alert system where gunfire activity is monitored 24/7 and police are notified immediately.

Here is how ShotSpotter works:

1. A gun shot is fired.
2. Acoustic sensors placed throughout the community are triggered by the sound.
3. Data is reviewed by analysts.
4. Patrol officers and dispatch centers are notified.
5. Police respond.

According to ShotSpotter, the process takes less than 60 seconds. “Reducing gun violence is one of the highest priorities for our police department. This system will enhance our response as a force multiplier by improving both the timeliness and quality of the response. By pinpointing the precise location of gunshot incidents and by more accurately tracking geographic patterns underlying gun violence, our law enforcement resources can be deployed more effectively and more proactively,” said Police Chief Frank Kosman.

“As technology advances, I am proud that we have a proactive Police Chief that is keeping up with useful tools as we continue to work toward a safer community. ShotSpotter will be a great addition in further improving public safety,” said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

ShotSpotter is utilized in more than 100 cities nationwide.

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